I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being transmitted via the Office electronic filing system in accordance with § 1.6(a)(4).

Dated: December 21, 2009

Electronic Signature for Kevin M. Kocun: /Kevin M. Kocun/

Docket No.: SPINE 3.0-441 CONT CONT (PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Ralph et al.

Application No.: 10/667,034 : Group Art Unit: 3775

Filed: September 22, 2003 : Examiner: J. Swiger

For: POROUS INTERVERTEBRAL : DISTRACTION SPACERS :

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed October 2, 2009, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.